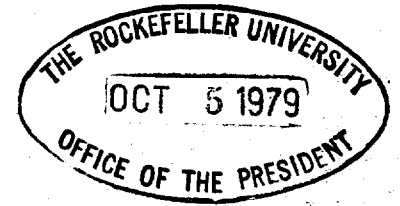


DATE: September 28, 1979

To : Tom Rindfleisch
Director, Sumex

FROM : Luca Cavalli-Sforza *Leg*
Professor of Genetics

SUBJECT:



I can add to your message by Sumex mail of September 26, that I have not received any further information about SCORE, whether it did come into existence since I first heard of it in December from Ed, nor if there really was going to be a graphics system which he said might be linked to SCORE (and that he promised to let me know about). This would be of considerable interest to me and I would appreciate any information also on the latter. We got our PDP11 in May, and it is quite clear that it is insufficient for our storage needs so that we will order soon more disc.

I have received an invitation from you on April 11, 1977 to send in a report and submission of research plans. I have done that with a new plan, on linguistic research. I was asked by Joshua about a month ago what I intended to do about Sumex, and I told him I was hoping to continue. I had no comments from him about it. I have only received at the end of last week, a verbal and indirect communication of termination from you to one of my coworkers. When I called you, your indication was of a very quick termination, in a matter of a week. As I have replied to you and want to state in writing, this, besides not being "graceful" (as the possible phase out indicated in Ed's letter was supposed to be) is severely damaging to our work. Unless we can reattach to another similar computer, transfer to PDP11 of many of our files is impossible or very lengthy ~~because we do not have a tape unit and have still limited storage on disc.~~ This would involve a complete interruption of our present work. We need six to eight weeks for a decent termination. If we can transfer to SCORE or to IMSSS it might be possible to shorten this period. SCIP is outrageously expensive with the amount of storage we have. SCORE seemed best from a financial point of view on the basis of the early information I had (\$2500 a year for 1%). I am not sure I can afford IMSSS on the basis of the first information I have just had today, but, we will look more into it.

cc: J. Lederberg

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